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First Inventor	Michael A. Willen
Title	System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Forecasting Weather-Based Demand Using Proxy Data
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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. To be Assigned; Filed: November 12, 2003
For: **System, Method, and Computer Program Product for
Forecasting Weather-Based Demand Using Proxy Data**
Inventors: Willen *et al.*
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating
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3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**System, Method, and Computer Program Product for
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the application comprising:

- a. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
 - b. specification containing:
 - i. 40 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 4 pages of claims (20 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - c. 10 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1, 2A-2B and 3-9); and
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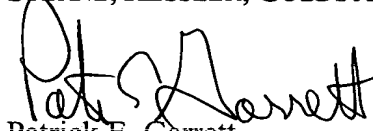
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